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INBETWEEN US IS COURAGE

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POETRY

“I do not hope for anything, I no longer fear anything, I was remade by the mind and by heart, I have ascended higher, I am free. I wanted nothing more. I sought only freedom.”

Nikos Kazantzakis (1923) Ασκητική (Salvatores dei) Αναγέννηση; Athens. (Translation David Scanlon (2023))

“Gaea, Mother Gaea, now at last,
Wearied with too much seeking, here I cast
My soul, my heart, my body down on thee!
Dust of thy dust, canst thou not mother me?

Fill all my soul with kindness as a cup
With cool and bubbling waters! Mother dear,
Gaea, great Gaea, 'tis thy son — O hear!”

John G. Neihardt (1926) From Gaea, Mother Gaea. Collected Poems. The MacMIllan Company; New York

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“Mellan oss”

Trio Rop (2022) Mellan oss off the Album Mellan oss. Kakafon Records

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ALSO KNOWN AS

David Scanlon (2023) Asceticism; Song Making.
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“The courage to be as a part is an integral element of the courage to be as oneself, and the courage to be as oneself is an integral element of the courage to be as a part.”

Paul Tillich (1952) The Courage to Be. Yale University Press; New Haven.

“Our courage, our faith, might cause "our light to shine in some other heart which as yet has no light of its own?””

A.E. (George William Russell) (1909) The Hero in Man. The Orpheus Series: No 1.. D. N. Dunlop; Hale.

INBETWEEN US IS COURAGE

For Claes Buxfeldt: Not Forgotten.

The conspicuous honesty of mind
Requires constantly nurturing habits;
A movement beyond the chains.
For to be seen beyond us all,
Yet to live within all our ways,
Requires a different courage.

An accepting honesty of reality
Requires constant reflecting habits;
A movement from within the self.
For to exist beyond us all,
Yet to live within our ways,
Requires a different courage.

The conspicuous integrity of souls
Requires constant un-reflected habits;
A movement that cannot be known.
For to be free and love all,
Yet to live within our ways,
Requires a different faith.

Truth, consciousness and integrity;
Is to trust in what can not be known.